Centrally funded irrigation schemes in Gujarat

297. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved proposals for strengthening the irrigation system in drought prone States, including Gujarat:

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the funds earmarked/released to the State Government of Gujarat during the current year; and

(d) the details of the status of the implementation of Centrally funded irrigation scheme in Gujarat during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Irrigation being a State subject the irrigation projects are planned formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities. The Central Government is providing Central Assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 for such approved major/medium irrigation projects proposed by the States which are in an advanced stage of construction and beyond the resources capability of the States that can be completed in four financial years. Grant component has been introduced under the programme since 2004-05. The central assistance is provided subject to the ceiling fixed by the Planning Commission as given in the Statement enclosed. (See below).

(c) Against the ceiling of Rs.1000 crore, Rs. 226.5 crore has been released as grant for the State of Gujarat for the year 2005-06. The loan portion of the Central assistance is to be raised by the State Government.

(d) The irrigation component of Sardar Sarovar Project has been receiving assistance under AIBP since 1996-97 and Rs. 4302.75 crore has so far been provided as Central Loan Assistance/grant. Out of this Rs. 226.5 crore has been provided during 2005-06 as grant. With the assistance provided so far irrigation potential of 320.651 thousand hectare has been created against the target potential creation of 1561.26 thousand hectare under AIBP.

Statement

State-wise ceiling for central assistance under AIBP for 2005-06

(Rs. in crore)

SI. No.	State	Ceiling
1.	Andhra Pradesh	600.000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	20.000
3.	Assam	35.000
4.	Bihar	175.000
5.	Chhattisgarh	100.000
6.	Goa	5.000
7.	Gujarat	1000.000
8.	Haryana	25.000
9.	Himachal Pradesh	25.690
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	40.000
11.	Jharkhand	31.000
12.	Karnataka	400.000
13.	Kerala	50.000
14.	Madhya Pradesh	750.000
15.	Maharashtra	1350.000
16.	Manipur	86.780
17.	Meghalaya	4.000
18.	Mizoram	10.000
19.	Nagaland	8.000
20.	Orissa	330.000
21.	Punjab	50.000
22.	Rajasthan	400.000
23.	Sikkim	1.500
24.	Tamil Nadu	5.000
25.	Tripura	35.550
26.	Uttar Pradesh	429.000
27.	Uttaranchal	123.000
28.	West Bengal	40.000
	TOTAL	6129.520